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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	No. CR 06-00365 CW
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12 Plaintiff,)	ORDER GRANTING STIPULATION
)	CONTINUING FILING DATES
13 v.)	
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14 JOHN FRANCES GRIFFIN,)	
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15 Defendant.)	
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17 It is hereby stipulated by and between the parties that the motions filing dates in the above-
18 referenced case, currently scheduled for: (1) July 17, 2006, for defendant's motions to be filed, (2)
19 July 31, 2006, for the government's opposition to be filed, and (3) August 21, 2006, for defendant's
20 reply to be filed, may be vacated. It is further stipulated that the motions hearing/trial setting date,
21 currently scheduled for September 25, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Claudia
22 Wilken should remain on calendar as a status or motions/trial setting date.

23 The parties are requesting that the Court vacate the motions filing dates because the discovery
24 in this case is voluminous and production is ongoing, with the bulk of the discovery not yet having
25 been produced. This is a financial case. The government has subpoenaed financial documents and
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1 has indicated its intention to produce the records as soon as it receives them. However, government
2 counsel does not expect to receive these documents until mid-August. Additional discovery from
3 the search warrants is currently being copied by an outside company and expected to be produced
4 within the next week. Furthermore, defense counsel is awaiting corporate records, including
5 computerized records and business records from the company. The government has indicated its
6 willingness to assist the defense in obtaining these records but needs additional information which
7 defense counsel will immediately provide to it. Finally, defense subpoena applications will be filed
8 for whatever records cannot be readily obtained from the company within the next week.

9 Defense counsel needs to review the discovery and subpoenaed materials described above and
10 conduct investigation based upon the discovery and materials in order to determine what motions
11 should be filed. Defense counsel anticipates that a motion to suppress could be filed, however, this
12 is a financial case and there are a number of potential witnesses. Thus, any such motion is not likely
13 to be case dispositive, although it might limit the amount of evidence which could be presented
14 should the case proceed to trial. In light of this, however, the parties agree that it would be more
15 efficient to vacate the motions filing dates at this time and instead, set new filing dates at the
16 September 25, 2006, court appearance, if necessary. The parties anticipate that by that time defense
17 counsel will have had adequate time to receive and investigate the discovery and the subpoenaed
18 materials and will be prepared to set a motions filing date fairly quickly which would encompass all
19 pre-trial motions.

20 Furthermore, the parties also are trying to resolve the case but cannot do so until defense
21 counsel receives and reviews the discovery and other materials with Mr. Griffin. However, vacating
22 the motions filing date may obviate the need for any motions to be filed should the parties reach a
23 resolution.

24 A continuance of the motions filing dates until after September 25, 2006, will enable defense
25 counsel to obtaining the necessary documents and investigate its case based upon the materials
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received. The parties therefore stipulate that the time from July 17, 2006, to September 25, 2006, should be excluded in accordance with the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(8)(A) and (B)(iv) for adequate preparation of counsel in order to allow defense counsel to obtain additional documents and continue with its investigation.

DATED: July 12, 2006

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JOYCE LEAVITT
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DATED: July 13, 2006

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MAUREEN BESSETTE
Assistant United States Attorney

ORDER

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the motions filing dates in the above-referenced case are hereby vacated. The motions hearing/trial setting date, currently scheduled for September 25, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. before the Honorable Judge Claudia Wilken shall remain on the calendar for status or motions/trial setting date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the time from July 17, 2006, to September 25, 2006, should be excluded in accordance with the provisions of the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(8)(A) and (B)(iv) for adequate preparation of counsel in order to allow defense counsel to obtain additional documents and continue with its investigation. The Court finds that the ends of justice served outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy and public trial to allow the parties reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, taking into account due diligence.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 7/17/06



HONORABLE CLAUDIA WILKEN
United States District Judge